reference to the cases being fought against employees of Air India; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The management of Air India is often compelled to respond to litigation initiated by employees. It is the constant endeavour of the management to keep harmonious relations with the employees and avoid unnecessary litigation and expenditure thereon.

Registration of antiques in possession of Air India

2505. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the antiques in possession of Air India are registered with the Archaeological Survey of India;

(b) if not, what ways and means have been adopted by Air India for safe custody of these Antiques;

(c) whether complaints have been received by Air India regarding loss of any antiques in its possession; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Besides ensuring safe custody, antiques have also been covered by insurance.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Constitution of work committee in Air India

2506. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that like Indian Airines, Air India is not constituting Works Committee as required under the Disputes Act; and

(b) if so, what steps Government proposes to take for formation of the Works Committee in Air India?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM(SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) In accordance with Section 41 of the Air Corporations Act, 1953, Labour Relations Committees have been set up in Indian Airlines and Air India,the duty of which is to advise the Corporation in all matters which relate to welfare of the employees or which are likely to promote and secure amity and good relations between the two. Since this purpose is achieved by the Labour Relations Committee, Works Committee under the Industrial Disputes Act, have not been constituted.

Implementation of Pension Scheme in Air India

2507. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India had signed any Pension scheme with the Air Corporations Employees Union in 1979;

(b) if so, whether this scheme was approved by the Board of Directors of Air India; and

(c) if so, what are the details regarding its implementation ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir. Subject to government approval.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Since the Pension Scheme was not approved by the Government, it could not be implemented.

Allotment of staff quarters by Air India

2508. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some staff quarters in different types of Air India Colony, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi are lying vacant awaiting allotment for the last two years;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the above quarters are likely to be allotted to the eligible employees?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Four 'A' type and one 'C' type quarter are lying vacant at present. Applications have been called for from the staff who require accommodation and these vacant quarters will be allotted, in the due course.

Pending Application for employment on compassionate grounds in Air India

2509. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) What is the number of applications seeking employment on compassionate grounds pending at present in Air India ;

(b) the time since when these applications are pending, their break-up zone wise and period-wise ;

(c) what are the reasons for delay in providing employment in such cases ; and

(d) what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken for expeditious disposal of such cases ?

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(b)

Year	Bombay	Delhi	Calcutta	Madras
1983	2	..	..	..
1984	1	..	..	..
1985	3	..	..	..
1986	9	..	..	..
1987	5	7	..	1
1988	11	..	..	2
1989	9	2	..	2
1990	27	2	..	2
1991	17	7	2	2
TOTAL	84	18	2	9

(c) Widows and dependents of deceased employees are offered employment on compassionate grounds on out of turn basis subject to availability of vacancies and their meeting the eligibility qualifications. Relaxation has also been given in respect of age and experience. Employment of widows and femadl dependents is discouraged in unskilled posts like loaders and cleaners etc. while male dependents are generally reluctant to take up such jobs.

(d) Air India has constituted a co-operative society by the name of Air India Employees' Dependents Industrial Producers Co-operative Society especially to give relief to unskilled widows. This Society takes up the work on contract basis like tailoring, cooking etc. from the Corporation.

Appointments of Directors in Air India

2510. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 292 dated the 2nd January, 1991 and state :

(a) the salient features of the report if any submitted by the Advisor to the then Chairman and Managing Director, Air India on improvement in coordination and passenger facilitation services for which he was retained on contract basis ;